

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

DIVISION:

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval for the Sheriff's Office to execute and submit grant application to the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), for the COPS Hiring Recovery Program and authorize the Sheriff to sign future documents relating to the grant.

County-wide

Penny Fleming

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Justice, COPS Office is offering the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. There is no local match requirement. CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts.

The proposed application would request \$546,603 to fund 3 full time newly-hired sworn deputy positions for 3 years. The requested funding will allow us to enhance our community policing strategies by adding one sworn law enforcement personnel to each region so that they can primarily focus on our most prevalent reported problems such as property crimes, missing persons, and serious crimes against persons. With the current economic crisis and impending budget shortfalls these types of enhancements would not be possible without federal assistance. This project would only strengthen our commitment to fighting crime and keeping our communities safe.

Additionally Reviewed By:

☒ Grant Review (Jennifer Bero, Lisa Spriggs)